

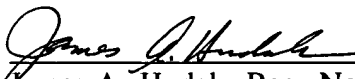
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the present Amendment. The Official Action, mailed June 3, 2005, has been carefully reviewed. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and new claims 10-20 have been added to this case.

The Examiner states that this application is in condition for allowance except for several formal matters. In particular, the Examiner questions whether the phrase "said predetermined substantially equal increment markings" in line 8 of claim 1 should be --- said predetermined equal increment markings ---. The subject phrase "said predetermined substantially equal increment markings" on line 8 of claim 1 is correct and, by this Amendment, the same phrase in line 10 of claim 1 has been changed so as to be identical with this phrase in line 8 of claim 1 and in line 13 of claim 1. The Examiner has also questioned whether the phrase "the uncovered" in line 14 of claim 1 should be --- uncovered ---. By this Amendment, the phrase "the uncovered" has been changed to --- uncovered ---. Thus, in view of this Amendment, the foregoing matters that the Examiner has cited have been corrected. Therefore, the Examiner's objections to these matters have been overcome.

In view of this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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